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Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP) Advisory Council Application

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP) Advisory Council. The basic function of the WHIP program is to restore ecologically important wildlife habitats through funding noxious weed management projects. Additional program details and requirements can be found on the <u>WHIP</u> <u>website</u>. Advisory Council members are appointed by the Director of Montana Department Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Information provided in this application will be used in the selection process. Council members are responsible for 1) advising the department on administration of the WHIP program and 2) reviewing and ranking grant funding applications and making related recommendations to the department (<u>MCA 87-5-803</u> and <u>804</u>). Work on the council will require periodic travel to one or two meetings a year and/ participation in conference calls or email communication. For volunteer members, travel and lodging expenses will be reimbursed according to state travel policies. <u>MCA 87-5-803</u> details specific representation required to serve on the Council.

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| Address: | |
| City, State, ZIP: | |
| Daytime Phone: | |
| Cell Phone (optional): | |
| Email: | |

1) What is your familiarity with and interest in weed management and wildlife habitat in Montana?

2) Please describe your experience working collaboratively with other individuals or groups on natural resource topics.

3) What do you see as important characteristics of an effective cooperative working-group member and which of those characteristics do you exhibit?

4) Why do you wish to serve on this advisory council?

- 5) Please check all that apply to you:
 - □ a representative of a hunting organization in Montana
 - \Box a representative of a multiple-use recreation organization in Montana
 - a representative of the timber industry in Montana
 - a livestock producer or a representative of a livestock producer organization in Montana
 - □ a farmer or a representative of a farming organization in Montana
 - a commercial applicator as defined in MCA 80-8-102
 - □ a representative of biological research and control interests
 - a representative of the Montana Weed Control Association
 - a county commissioner, district weed board member, or weed district supervisor
 - an Indian tribe as defined in MCA 2-15-141

| Signature: | |
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Email your application to Andrew Amidon, WHIP Coordinator, at <u>andrew.amidon@mt.gov</u> OR mail your application to the address below.

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